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Thu, Jun 25, 2015 at 12:02 PM

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Leslie Heppler <lheppler@utah.gov>

Thu, Jun 25, 2015 at 1:01 PM

To: WALLACE GWYNN <g9434@msn.com>

Thank you for your diligent work and the updates

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Thank you for reading this electronic correspondence.

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Thu, Jun 25, 2015 at 2:21 PM

To: Leslie Heppler <lheppler@utah.gov>

Gary wanted to know if you could talk over matters at 4:00 this afternoon?

Wally

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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Leslie Heppler <lheppler@utah.gov>

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6-24-15 UPDATE ON THE KNOLLS PROJECT

The following is an update on the Knolls project.

Due to a number of reasons, to include a lack of communication and dependability, and suspected theft, I let the Jerry and Jeff Black go. Since then, I was referred to David Ceballos and Andres Garcia, both of whom live in West Wendover. I hired both of them and put them to work on Thursday, June 18.

On June 8, I received a letter from Paul Baker, Minerals program Manager, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, which outlined a number of cleanup deadlines that had to be accomplished out at the Knolls site.

1. June 22, remove the Ford Bronco from the mud north of the North pond
2. June 22, submit an amendment to the Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations.....
3. July 8, remove trash and extra equipment scattered about the area (left from last year)
4. July 8, regrade the south dike of the south pond.

I had a tow truck come out on the 18th of June to retrieve the Blazer. Because of the wetness of the approach roads, he was unable to do so, and ask for two weeks to let the area dry out. I made this request of Leslie Heppler, for a two-week extension and she extended the deadline to the 4th of July. While the tow truck was there, I requested that he remove the motor home from the premises which he did. The cost of the removal was \$980.00 which I put on my personal credit card account. Near the end of the two-week extension given by Leslie Heppler, I will again have the tow truck out to the site and make another attempt to retrieve the Blazer. Successful or not, I will have them remove the old four-wheeler that was used last year from the property. Sufficient drying of the roads and approaches to the Blazer may be a problem as much of the continued wetness is due to magnesium chloride brine that inhibits the drying process, in spite of the hot temperatures and low humidity in the area..

Gary Horwitch is currently working on the amendment to the Notice of Intention..... Hopefully, that will be submitted to Leslie Heppler as of today (6/24/15).

I have David and Andres continuing the cleanup of trash that was left around the site during the past two to three years including, as noted above, old tires, pipe pieces, old pipe, pond liner, etc. This will be an ongoing project until the job is completed.

I had Mas Nakaya, our contractor, out to the site yesterday to regrade the south dike of the south pond and to smooth out the road in the vicinity of the large bladder. In spite of the hot weather

we have been having for the past week or so, the ground is still muddy under the surface and he was unable to operate his Skid Loader without getting stuck. This is not surprising as the primary function of magnesium chloride brine is to maintain the ground in a damp condition due to its hygroscopic nature. Today, I authorized Mas to go out with suitable equipment and regrade the south dike of the South pond. The estimated cost will be \$1500 to 2000 which I will cover for the short term.

We also received an inspection report from the BLM dated June 11, 2015. In that letter they expressed concern about the trash around the yard, the condition of the 500-gallon gasoline container containment basin, a 100-gallon gas tank that is not being used, and the motor home. The motor home problem has been taken care of, and the trash problem is being addressed. I am not sure what to do about the 500 gallon gasoline tank containment basin. There is no way we can do anything with it with the personnel and equipment we have on site. I will try and make an inspection of the containment basin to see if there is a need for concern.

On June 18th, I was out on site to make sure the gate was open so the Port-o-potty could be brought in to our work area and the tow truck could make entry to the site. It has been out at the main gate for two months (various reasons why). While there, as mentioned, the Port-o-potty was moved, tow truck came, and Bob Lynn from Enviroteck was there to determine what plastic pipe fittings and valves were needed so we can complete the plumbing. This will enable us to pump from the small sump in the SE corner of the South pond directly into the two small load out bladders, or to the large bladder to the north.

On a less pleasant note, the four-wheeler quit running in the afternoon. Mas Nakaya brought it into town yesterday (6-23-15) and dropped it off at the Polaris dealer. It is probably a belt problem. We are looking at about two weeks before we will get it back. I suspect the bill will be less than \$500 (I hope). Unfortunately, this loss will hinder our worker's ability to move around the site to do cleanup as well as facilitating the production work.

Through Zach Wojtech and one of the Black brothers, we learned that some of the pumps we had on site had been taken and possibly pawned. I wrote up a report on the subject and provided the information to the Tooele County Sheriff's department. Through the serial numbers that Mike had compiled last year, we found that one of the pumps has been located (at a pawn shop I presume). It will be interesting to see where this goes.

I have requested our two workers to keep the three and four-inch pumps going to move brine from the 800-foot-long sump on the south side of the South pond out onto the salt of the SE portion of the South pond. This area covers about 7 acres, but can be adjusted. The flow of brine on the salt will only be one to two inches in thickness, slow moving, and spread out over a large area. This should provide plenty of opportunity for evaporation. Hopefully, from the time

it is pumped onto the salt until it enters the sump from which it is pumped into the bladders, it will have reached the proper density (1.32 g/cc) or greater.

Bob Lynn of Envirotech has been good to coach out men on the use of the flow measurement equipment, taking and sending samples for analysis, and filling out the load tickets. Bob has been a very valuable asset to us during this startup period.

Hopefully, this will bring each of you up to date on the goings and comings of the Knolls project.

Wally Gwynn